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ABSTRACT:

Disclosed is a media access controller for transferring data along a computer network. The media access controller includes a transmit media access controller that is configured to process out-going packet data received from an upper layer for transmission to a physical layer. A receive media access controller that is configured to process in-coming packet data received from the physical layer for transmission to the upper layer. A transmit multi-packet queue FIFO for receiving the out-going packet data from the upper layer before being passed to the transmit media access controller. A receive multi-packet queue FIFO for receiving the in-coming packet data that is received by the receive media access controller. The media access controller further including a media access controller manager interfacing with the transmit and receive media access controllers. The media access controller manager being responsible for managing the flow of packet data through the transmit and receive multi-packet queue FIFOs.

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